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SUBJECT: CULCON: PROPOSEDSURVEY OF U.S.-JAPAN CULTURAL
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1. CULCON SURVEY PROPOSAL PERSONALLY PASSED TO JAPANESE
SIDE END OF MARCH. NO REACTION YET BUT DOUBT THEY WILL
HAVE MUCH ENTHUSIASM.
2. CONCERNING RESEARCH PROPOSAL, POST WONDERS WHAT ONE WILL
KNOW AFTER COMPLICATED THREE-STEP STUDY THAT ISN'T AVAILABLE
FROM EXISTING DATA.
3. PHASE I AND PHASE II SEEM OVER ENGINEERED AND A BIT
CLUMSY. SUBJECTS OF BOTH THESE PHASES WOULD SEEM TO BE GOOD
CULCON AGENDA ITEMS BUT NOT NECESSARY FOR RESEARCH.
4. PHASE III--ESPECIALLY AS SUGGESTED IN MC DONALD'S MEMOR-
ANDUM TO THE FILE DATED APRIL 9--CANNOT HELP BUT BE ATTITUDINAL
IN NATURE. IF ONE RESASEARCHES A GENERAL POPULATION SAMPLE, AS
RECOMMENDED, FOCUSING ON "CONSTRAINTS IN BEHAVIOR," THE
RESEARCH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DEVELOP ATTITUDES TOWARD RATHER
THAN KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING "CONSTRAINTS IN BEHAVIOR."
5. PERHAPS A MORE MEANINGFUL PURSUIT WOULD BE TO FORM A
GROUP TO DRAW TOGETHER ALL RELEVANT RESEARCH ONT THE SUBJECT,
ALL SCHOLARLY WRITING, ETC., FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES.
THEN SYNTHESIZE THIS INFORMATION INTO A REPORT TO BE
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SUBMITTED TO CULCON. DR. MORELY SUGGESTED SIMILAR COURSE
OF ACTION OF PAGE 2 OF THE MC DONALD MEMORANDUM TO THE
FILE. THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE
SCOPE OF ALL CONTINUING ACTIVITIES IN THE ASIAN STUDIES

FIELD SO THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT
STANDS. THE SAME APPROACH SEEMS SENSIBLE IN COMPILING
EXTANT RESEARCH AND WRITINGS ON THE STATE OF JAPANESE-
AMERICAN CULTURAL BLOCKAGES.
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